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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/245,720 Confirmation No. : 5294
First Named Inventor : Bunichi SHOJI
Filed : February 8, 1999
TC/A.U. : 3635
Examiner : Chi Q. Nguyen
Docket No. : 037227.47565US
Customer No. : 23911
Title : A Truss Structure, Structural Members Thereof, and a
Method of Manufacture Therefor

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

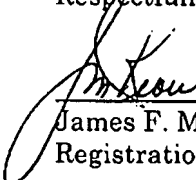
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26(a), request is hereby made for a refund in the amount of \$700.00 which is half of the \$1,400.00 issue fee payment previously paid with our filing of March 12, 2007.

An assertion to claim Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c) is being filed concurrently herewith.

If there are any questions regarding this Request, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)

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Applicant's undersigned attorney asserts that this application is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F. R. 1.27(c). It is respectfully requested that small entity status be granted to the applicant in the above-captioned application. If there are any questions in reference to this request, please contact the undersigned.

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